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TAGS: MARR, US, UK, BE

SUBJECT: JOINT US-UK STORAGE SITES IN BELGIUM

REF: BRUSSELS 6383 (DTG 291043Z JUNE 76)

1. SINCE DELIVERY OF BRITISH NOTE TO BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE 28 (REFTEL), BRITISH HAVE ENCOURAGED BELGIANS TO TAKE ACTION SEVERAL TIMES. WE ALSO HAVE REMAINED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HANDLING QUESTION.

2. IN ABSENCE ON LEAVE (JULY 5-23) OF FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS AMB. DENORME, WE SPOKE JULY 13 TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL AMB. VAN DE KERCKHOVE, WHO HAS ASSUMED ACTION ON DOSSIER. VAN DE KERCKHOVE TOLD US THAT BELGIAN VIEW OF PROPOSAL IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. THEY HAVE NOTED THAT 550 JOBS WOULD BE SAVED. THEIR MAIN QUESTION AT THE MOMENT IS THE FORM  
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OF AN AGREEMENT AND THEY HAVE AN INITIAL PREFERENCE

FOR NEW TRILATERAL US-UK-BELGIAN AGREEMENT. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TENDS TO BELIEVE THAT TO PERMIT THE US AND UK TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES FOR US USE OF BRITISH BASES IN A FORM OF TENANT RELATIONSHIP WOULD NOT FULLY PROTECT BELGIAN INTERESTS. BELGIAN INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER ARE SO FAR UNDEFINED BUT APPEAR TO BE FOCUSING ON BELGIAN SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT.

3. PROPOSAL AND ACTION ON IT IS STILL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERGOING LEGAL AND OTHER ANALYSES. IT WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (BELGIAN CABINET). BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE OF WHEN MINISTERS MIGHT EXAMINE PROPOSAL IS TOWARDS THE END OF JULY. THE BELGIANS SAY THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO SETTLE THE MATTER BEFORE THE AUGUST VACATION PERIOD. FIRESTONE

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